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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

Appln. of: Michel Verhoeven et al.

Group Art Unit: 3763

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Examiner: Unassigned

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For: STENTS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING STENTS FROM WIRES HAVING  
HYDROGEL COATING LAYERS THEREON

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Via Courier**

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15.